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SALLY FORTH

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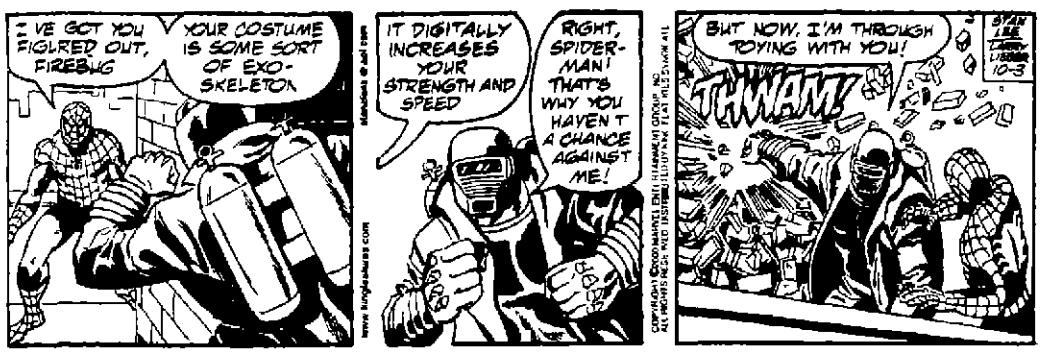

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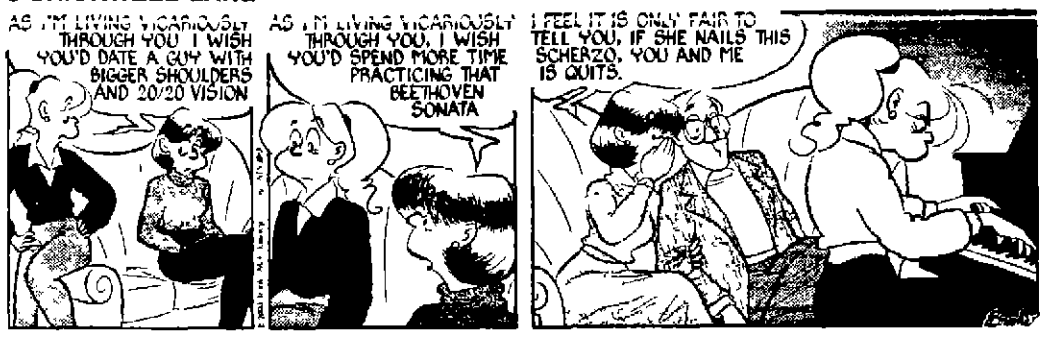

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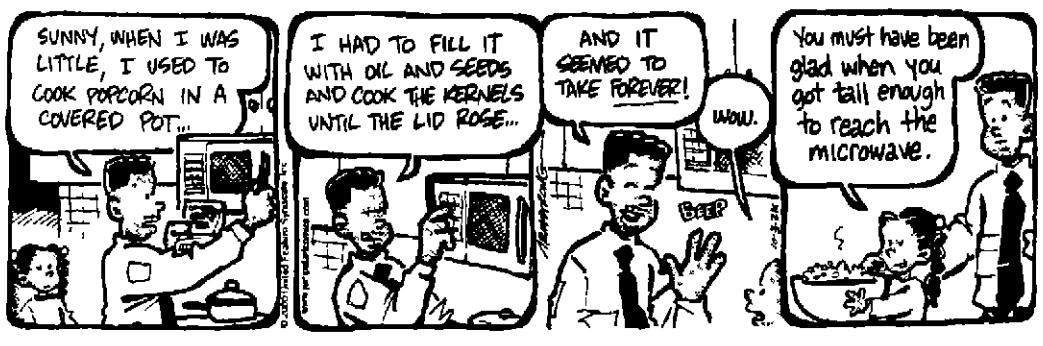

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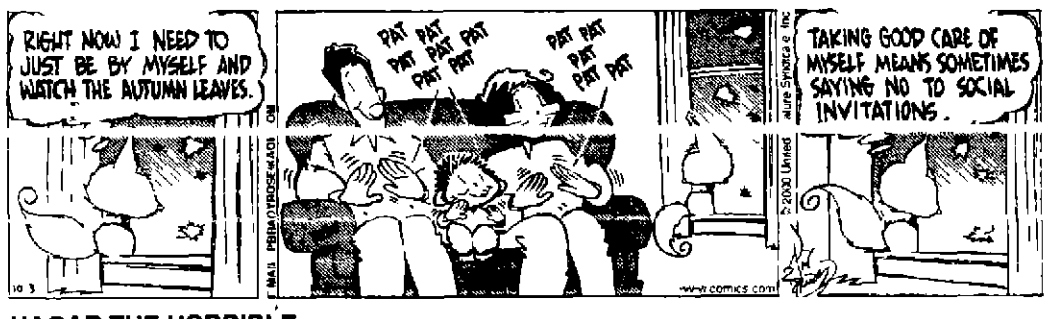

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MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM

DILBERT

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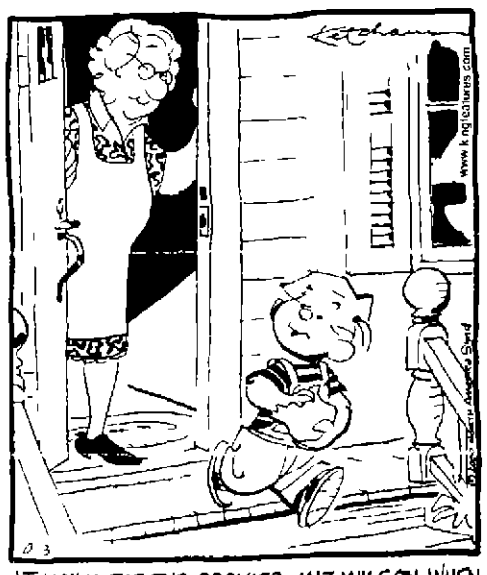

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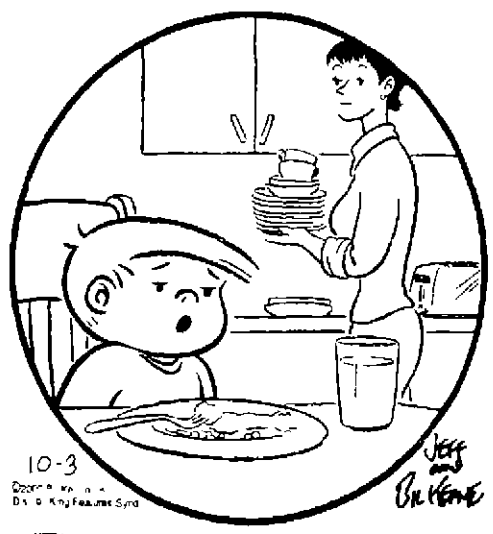

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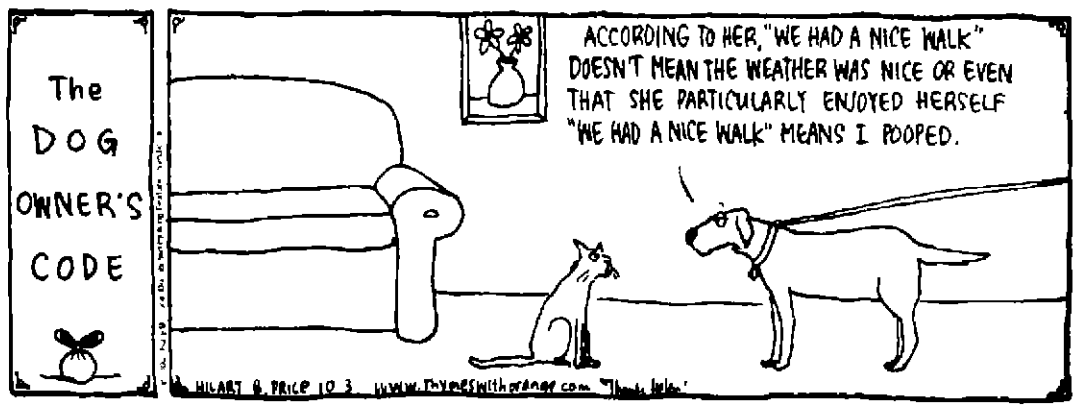

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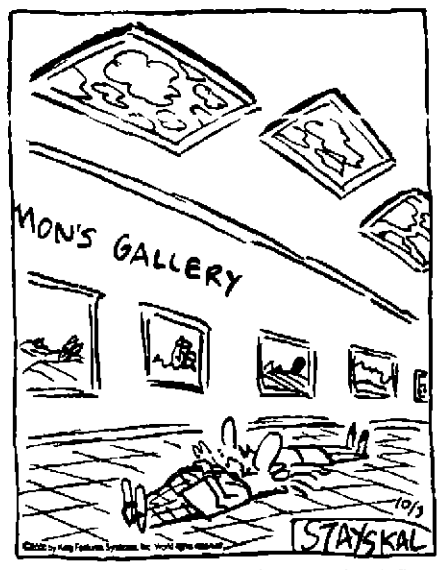

"And this artist specializes in clouds."

Today's Birthdays

Author **Gore Vidal** is 75 Actress **Medivn Rhue** is 66 Singer **Alan O'Day** is 60 Rock and roll star **Chubby Checker** is 59 Actor **Alan Rachins** is 58 Singer **Lindsey Buckingham** is 53 Jazz musician **Ronnie Laws** is 50 Blues singer **Keb' Mo'** is 49 All-star outfielder **Dave Winfield** is 49 Actor **Hari Bochner** is 44 Actor **Peter Frechette** is 44 Actor **Jack Wagner** is 41

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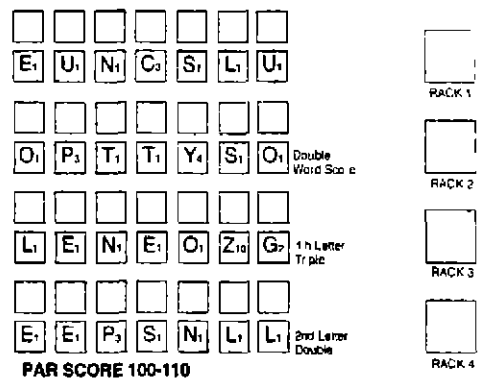

PAR SCORE 100-110

by **JUDD**

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. *Blanks used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You'll find yourself being used as a role model in a moral dilemma

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The deeper consequences of your actions will soon become apparent

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) People are laughing behind your back but you don't know what the joke is

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A partner or co-worker might misunderstand your reaction to a situation

LEO (July 23 to Aug 22) Since you're in a serious mode anyway you might as well score brownie points with your boss Putting in that overtime will be well worth it

VIRGO (Aug 23 to Sept 22) Remember that the joy is as much in the process as the product

LIBRA (Sept 23 to Oct 22) While a family reunion might seem like a good idea you're better off laying low

SCORPIO (Oct 23 to Nov 21) Now is the time to wear your heart on your sleeve and express your opinions to your friends A short trip would revitalize your soul

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 to Dec 21) You will come upon a stroke of sheer luck in achieving your goals This is an opportunity that must be taken immediately

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 to Jan 19) An honor you receive gives you some unexpected power don't let it go to your head too much

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 to Feb 18) Hard work will help you reap the rewards you desire

PISCES (Feb 19 to March 20) Anything can happen if you join forces with good friends

WORD SLEUTH

ASSOCIATED WITH A PIPE

L K H D E A X U Q N K H P E B
Y V S P M Y J H E B Y V I T Q
O L I G D B E Y W T A R P P M
K I F D B Y S P S M O K E W U
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Q P O N R L U M T K S H N C K
I H F B E F C A O A S B E Z E
Y W V U F S R T D C Q P R N M

Monday's unlisted clue HIVE

Find the listed words in the diagram They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Tuesday's unlisted clue hint — THE SAILORMAN

Aroma	Cake	Puff	Stem
Ashes	Dottle	Shank	Tamper
Bowl	Peace	Slippers	Tobacco
Briar	Pipe cleaner	Smoke	

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

"Everything went wrong," lamented South "Trumps [illegible] sult, East scored a club ruff " "You might have finessed the trump nine at trick two," offered North West led his club jack to dummy's ace and South led a trump to his king West's discard brought a frown from South, but South still had hopes of losing only one trump trick He led another club to dummy's king to lead another trump This time, East took his ace and led a heart West's ace won a club return allowed East to ruff and East exited safely in diamonds, forcing South to finesse The last-ditch effort lost and the game went with it Should South have paid heed to North's suggested trump finesse? Ridiculous That suggestion was typical of post-result analysis South should have made his game After he discovers the foul trump break instead of returning to dummy in clubs to lead a trump he should lead a heart This far-sighted play was not as difficult as it may seem On the first club East had signaled with his club seven, and on the first trump, West had signaled with his heart eight It was time to cut defensive communications Regardless of which defender won the heart lead, West would have had no entry for the club ruff, and South would have survived the bad breaks

NORTH 10-3 A
♠ 6 3 2
♥ Q J 9
♦ Q J 10 2
♣ A K 3

WEST
♠ —
♥ A 8 7 5 3
♦ K 9 8
♣ J 10 8 6 5

EAST
♠ A J 8
♥ K 10 4 2
♦ 7 5 4 3
♣ 7 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 10 9 7 5 4
♥ 6
♦ A 6
♣ Q 9 4

Vulnerable Both
Dealer North

The bidding

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead Club jack

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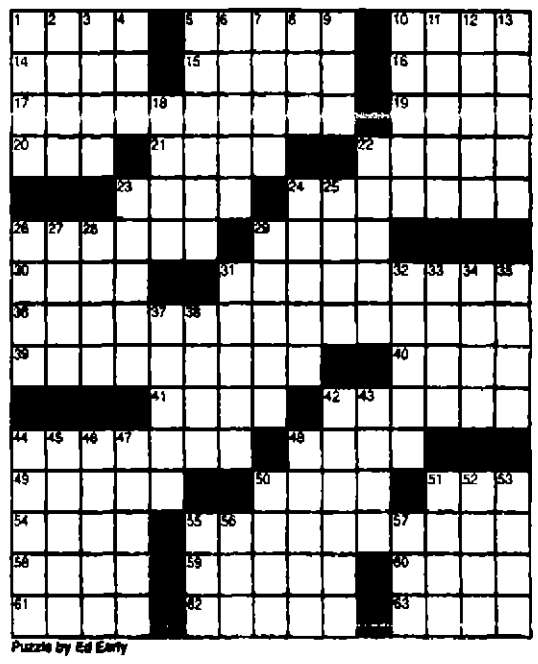
ACROSS

1 "You missed a ___!"
5 Hilo hello
10 Summer place
14 Heather Headley title role on Broadway
15 Lions' locks
16 Concluded
17 2000 runner
19 Alternative to hot pants
20 Go astray
21 They're on tap in taprooms
22 Coats with gold
23 Stir up
24 Humor that's not funny
26 Classic Chevy
28 Broadway aunt
30 ___ dog (backwoods animal)
31 Game for the asocial
36 What 55-Across is to 17-Across
39 Toppled in a way
40 Reply to the Little Red Hen
41 "Off with you!"
42 Frank
44 Part of a freight train
48 ___ on (orders to attack)
49 Ill-gotten gains
50 Prego competitor
51 Part of a litter
54 Sparkling wine center
55 See 36-Across
58 Rung
59 Restaurateur of song
60 Brezhnev's land
61 Famous alter ego
62 Got smart, with "up"
63 Ravioli filler

DOWN

1 Solomon
2 Jetty
3 Locker room emanation
4 Driveway material
5 Aviator Earhart
6 RCA or Columbia
7 Burden
8 "___ a Rebel" (1962 #1 hit)
9 Straight-grained wood
10 Chris Rock, for one
11 1950's Indians All-Star Bobby
12 Dams
13 Rainbow maker
18 Famous Dartmoor facility
22 Garbo of "Anna Christie"
23 Dude's place?
24 First course, maybe
25 Notorious Idi
26 Like shrimp during shipping
27 Infiltrator
28 Langston Hughes, e.g.
29 Dollars and Deutsche marks
31 Echo analyzer
32 Choreographer de Mille
33 Monopoly token
34 5¢/gallon, e.g.
35 Head of state in Kuwait
37 Vestige
38 Where Red Delicious apples originated
42 Like a London junket
43 Some hosp. rooms
44 Jiffy
45 Robust
46 Functioned
47 Rubbish
48 50-Across, e.g.
50 McGwire stats
51 Sit for a photograph
52 ___ Minor
53 Overly familiar, maybe
55 Hee's follower
56 Whitney of gin fame
57 Ruin, with "up"



Puzzle by Ed Early

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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